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VS DRAPION AND KRICKETUNE I

...WHERE ARE WE? THE OCEAN...?
NO...
A LAKE!!
OH WOW! THE VIEW IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!
RIGHT, DIA?!
DIA?
HUH? DIA?! MISS?!
LOOKS LIKE THE TORNADO MUST'VE SEPARATED US FROM THEM... THE ONLY SET OF FOOTPRINTS HERE ARE OURS...
DASH
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR THEM, OR, FIRSTSTEP!
IT WAS YOUR FAULT FOR ANGERING THE HIPPOWDON IN THE FIRST PLACE!
UHH...
WHERE ARE WE...?
WE SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN ON THE SHORE OF THE LAKE...
SO IT SEEMS, INSIL...

I WONDER WHERE PEARL AND DR. FOOTSTEP ARE...
LOOKS LIKE THEY FELL SOMEWHERE ELSE...
BUT WELL, I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THEM AGAIN IF WE JUST WALK ALONG THE SHORELINE.
THAT'S TRUE
STEP
STEP
STEP
SIR, MISS...
YES, DIAMOND?
YOU KNOW? THE LAKE ALWAYS MAKES ME REMEMBER SOMETHING...
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
WELL, SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHEN WE WERE MUCH YOUNGER.
THERE'S A LAKE NEAR TWINLEAF TOWN TOO, THAT'S OUR HOMETOWN... CALLED "LAKE VERITY"
I THINK IT WAS WHEN WE WERE STILL IN NURSERY SCHOOL...
A PAIR OF FAMOUS COMEDIANS FROM JOHTO VISITED THE NURSERY DURING AN EVENT.
THEY WERE THE DOUBLE ACT KNOWN AS MASTERS BLUE SKY PIPPIN AND PURIN.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE'D EVER SEEN A DOUBLE ACT IT WAS SIMPLY UNFORGETTABLE!
THERE'S A PLACE CALLED "LAKE OF RAGE" IN JOHTO'S MAHOGANY TOWN. AM I RIGHT?
RIGHT YOU ARE!
THEY SAW THAT THERE MAY BE A RED GYARADOS LIVING IN THAT LAKE...
...AND I WENT THERE TO TRY TO CAPTURE IT!
THAT'S UNPRESSING! SO HOW DID IT GO?
THERE WAS NO RED GYARADOS, BUT I DID MANAGE TO CATCH A RED MAGIKARP!
WOW!!
BUT... AREN'T ALL MAGIKARPS RED ANYWAY...?
HAHAHA!
YOU'RE HOPELESS!
SAY, DIA!
WHAT IS IT, PEARL?

ACCORDING TO THE DOUBLE ACT THERE'S A RED GYARADOS IN JOHTO LAKE. RIGHT? DON'T YOU WISH YOU COULD'VE SEEN IT?
YUP, SURE DO!
THERE'S A LAKE NEAR OUR TOWN TOO, ISN'T THERE? MAYBE THE RED GYARADOS IS SOMEWHERE THERE!!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
LAKE VERITY
THE LAKE GUARDIANS' POWERS WERE SEALED AWAY BY THEIR OWN PRIDE!
THE TWO OF US HEADED FOR LAKE VERITY, BUT... WELL... WE WERE ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD BACK THEN...
KIND OF...
...LIKE WE ARE RIGHT NOW!
THINKING THAT I MIGHT EVENTUALLY BUMP INTO PEARL IF I JUST FOLLOWED THE SHORELINE...
...I STARTED WALKING BY MYSELF.
AND THEN...
THAT LIGHT WAS HOVERING ABOVE THE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE...
BUT... DISAPPEARED SOON AFTER...
IT SEEMED LIKE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS RIGHT AFTER THAT HAPPENED...
...WHERE I WAS RESCUED BY HOUR AND DAD WHO CAME TO SEARCH FOR US.

SO EVERY TIME I HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT A "LAKE"...
...I'D REMEMBER THAT FLASH OF LIGHT.
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
AND WHAT DID HE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?
AH... I DIDN'T TELL PEARL ABOUT IT.
WHY NOT?
WELL... FOR ALL I KNOW IT MAY HAVE JUST BEEN A DREAM OF MINE, SO...
THEN WHY TELL ME...
...SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM?
YOU KNOW WHAT...?
I'M NOT SURE MYSELF EITHER...
HMM!!
THIS IS..!! THIS IS..!!
AHEM...! DR. FOOTSTEP!
I'D LIKE TO MEET UP WITH DIA AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU...?
SHH!
LOOK AT THIS! THE FOOTPRINTS OF A STRAVIA! AND IT SEEMS RATHER ANGRY!
BUT...
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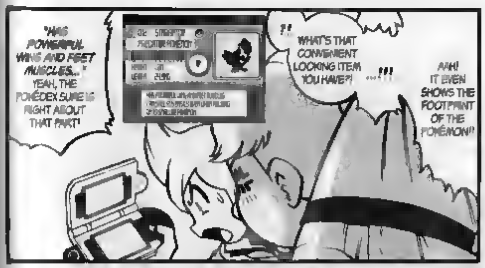
...IF THERE ARE STRAVIA HERE, THEN IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE STRAIAPTOR AROUND TOO!
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY TELLING ME YOU INTEND TO COLLECT FOOTPRINTS AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!
B-BUT... I'VE TRYING TO COLLECT THE STRAIAPTOR'S FOOTPRINT FOR AGES!!
AND I'M SORRY!
AH HAH!!
THERE IT IS!
COME ON! COME DOWN HERE STRAIAPTOR!!
COME STEP ON DR. FOOTSTEP'S SPECIAL STICKY SHEET!!
BUMMER AND IT'S JUST BOUGHT IT'S AS USUAL...
FLAP
JUST GIVE ME A SINGLE FOOT PRINT!
WHA-WHAT THE...?!
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN HERE!
FLA

FLAP
FLAP
THAT'S RIGHT! COME ON OVER HERE!
ALL RIGHT! STEADY THERE!
FLAP FLAP
EEH ?!
C'MMMM!
GRAB
FLAP FLAP FLAP
GRRR
T...THIS THING IS STRONG! OUR COMBINED WEIGHT IS NOTHING TO BE SNEEZED AT, AND YET IT'S HOISTING US UP!
EEH!


"HAS POWERFUL WINGS AND FEET MUSCLES..."
YEAH, THE POKÉDEX SURE IS RIGHT ABOUT THAT PART!
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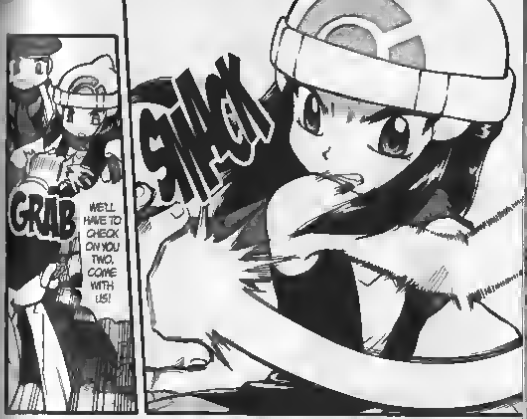
WHAT'S THAT CONVENIENT LOOKING ITEM YOU HAVE?!
...!!!
AAH! IT EVEN SHOWS THE FOOTPRINT OF THE POKÉMON!!

LET ME SEE IT! WHAT ABOUT THE FOOTPRINTS OF OTHER POKÉMON...?!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
OR, FOOTSTEP!! NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!!
FLAP
AAH!!!

SEE?! SEE?! AAGH! THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF THE FOULEST DAY OF MY LIFE!
DON'T SAY THAT! HOW CAN IT BE FOUL WITH SO MANY FOOTPRINTS WAITING TO BE COLLECTED?
OR SHOULD I SAY, POKE-PRINTS?
JUST KIDDING!
IT'S NOT FUNNY!!

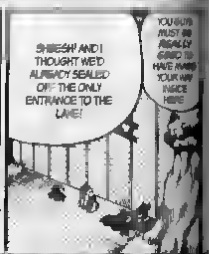
THAT'S IT--OH, FOOTSTEP!! YOU SAID YOU CAN TELL HOW A POKÉMON IS FEELING JUST BY LOOKING AT THEIR FOOTPRINTS, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THEN HOW IS THIS POKÉMON FEELING NOW?
AT LEAST DROP US ON THAT ISLAND...
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE!!
LET ME SEE...
"I'M KINDA TIRED OF THIS GAME..."
AHH
"TIME FOR ME TO UNLOAD THE BAGGAGE!!"
MISS, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
YES... THEY TWO OF THEM MAY BE SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
HEY!!!
SMASH
THAT'S THE FEELING I'M GETTING FROM THIS FELLOW'S FOOTPRINT!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!! STRAIGHTOR! PLEASE RECONSIDER!!
CHAMINO! DO SOMETHING TO SNAP STRAIGHTOR OUT OF ITS FOUL MOOD!
IT'S NOT FUNNY, YOU KNOW!
I WASN'T MAKING A JOKE!!
IF YOU'RE GONNA DROP US, DON'T DO IT WHEN WE'RE STILL ON TOP OF THE LAKE!
OH YEAHH... AT LEAST...

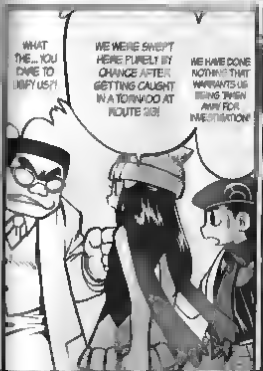
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE?


GRAB
WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK ON YOU TWO, COME WITH US!
SMACK!

LAKE VALOR IS CURRENTLY OFF-LIMITS!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE SIGN OUTSIDE?

LAKE VALOR?
OH! SO THAT'S WHAT THIS LAKE IS CALLED...


SHEESH! AND I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY SEALED OFF THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE LAKE!
YOU GUYS MUST BE REALLY GOOD TO HAVE MADE YOUR WAY THROUGH HERE!


WHAT THE... YOU DARE TO DISPUTE US?!
WE WERE SWEPT HERE PURELY BY CHANCE AFTER GETTING CAUGHT IN A TORNADO AT ROUTE 218!
WE HAVE DONE NOTHING THAT WARRANTS US BEING TAKEN AWAY FOR INVESTIGATION!

WE WILL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!

WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A FRIEND WHO WAS SEPARATED FROM US!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE INTENDED TO DO ANYTHING HERE!
WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE IMMEDIATELY ONCE WE FIND HIM, SO KINDLY LEAVE US ALONE UNTIL THEN!

BESIDES, THIS LAKE DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY ONE PERSON!
WHO GAVE YOU THE AUTHORIZATION TO BARRICADE THIS PLACE ANYWAY?
ON MR. CYRUS ORDERS, WE ARE NOT TO ALLOW ANYBODY TO STEP INTO THE LAKE.
DOES THIS ANSWER SATISFY YOU?
IT WAS MR. CYRUS, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHO HAD COMMANDED US TO DO SO.

MISSY...
PLEASE STAND BACK!!

ADVENTURE MAP
LAKE VALOR
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
WIG
LAX
CHIMMIKO
CHAHIKO
EMPOLEON
PONYTA